GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT COMPANIES IN COMMUNICATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Private and Government companies operating in the communications sector in the country alongwith the areas of their operation;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring healthy competition amongst the said private and Government companies as also to control and regulate them for safeguarding the interests of consumers;

(c) the reasons behind increasing the rates of basic telephone services; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUI MAHAJAN)

(a) The list of Private and Government companies operating in Basic, Cellular, International Long Distance and National Long Distance services along with areas of their operation are enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b) to (d) Under the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 as amended by TRAI (Amendment) Act, 2000,the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) hasbeen established to regulate the telecommunication services and to protect the interests of service providers as well as consumers of the telecom sector so as to promote and ensure orderly growth of the telecom sector and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. T.R.A.I has prescribed the rates of Basic Telephone service to bring about cost orientation in the tariffs and for achieving the objectives of New Telecom Policy, 1999 while maintaining the sustainability of basic service segment of the market.

Annexure-I

SERVICE AREA-WISE BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE LICENSEES

Sl. No.	Service Area	Name of Licensee
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd.
2.	Andhra Pradesh	M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.
1.		M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd.
3.	Assam	Nil
4.	Bihar	M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd.
5.	Delhi	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.
1.		M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd.
1.		M/s Tata Teleservices

Ltd.
6. Gujarat M/s Reliance Telecom Ltd.

1. M/s Tata Teleservices
Ltd.

7 Haryana M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.

1. M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.

8. Himachal Pradesh M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.

9. Jammu & Kashmir Nil
10. Karnataka M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.

1. M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.

1. M/s Tata Teleservices
Ltd.
11. Kerala M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
12. Madhya Pradesh M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.

1. M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
13. Maharashtra M/s Hughes Tele.com Ltd.

1. M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
14. North East Nil
15. Orissa M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
16. Punjab M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd.

1. M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
17. Rajasthan M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd.

1. M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
18. Tamil Nadu M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.

1. M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.

1. M/s Tata Teleservices
Ltd.
19. Uttar Pradesh (W) M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
20. Uttar Pradesh (E) M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
21. West Bengal M/s Reliance Infocomm
Ltd.
M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. is a basic service licensee for all Service
Areas except
for Mumbai and Delhi where M/s MTNL is a Basic Service Licensee. Both are
PSUs.

SERVICE AREA-WISE CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE LICENSEES

S. No. Service Area (Metro City/ Name of Licensee

Telecom Circle)

1.	DELHI	Bharti Cellular Ltd. Sterling Cellular Ltd. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Idea Cellular Ltd.
2.	MUMBAI	BPL Mobile Communication Ltd. Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
3.	KOLKATA	Bharti Mobitel Ltd. Usha Maartin Telekom Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Reliable Internet Services Ltd.
4.	CHENNAI	RPG Cellular Services Ltd. Bharti Mobinet Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Hutchinson Essar South Ltd.
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Idea Cellular Ltd. Bharti Mobile Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Hutchinson Essar South Ltd.
6.	Assam	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
7	Bihar	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
8.	Gujarat	Fascel Ltd. Idea Cellular Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
9.	Haryana	Escotel Mobile Communication (P) Ltd. Aircel Digilink India Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Bharti Telenet Ltd. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd.
11.	J & K	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
12.	Karnataka	Spice Communications Ltd. Bharti Mobiles Limited Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Hutchinson Essar South Ltd.
13.	Kerala	BPL Cellular Limited Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd.
14.	Maharashtra	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. Ideal Cellular Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

Bharti Cellular Ltd. 15.	Madhya Pradesh	RPG Cellcom Ltd.
Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. 16.	N.E.	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
Hexacom India Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. 17.	Orissa	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. 18.	Punjab	Spice Communications Ltd.
Bharti Mobile Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd. 19.	Rajasthan	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
Hexacom India Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd. 20.	Tamilnadu	BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd.
Aircel Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. 21.	UP(W)	Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd.
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Bharti Cellular Ltd. 22.	UP(E)	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Escorts Telecommunications Ltd. 23.	West Bengal including Andaman & Nicobar Telecom Circle	Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

INTERNATIONAL LONG DISTANCE SERVICE (ILDS) LICENSEES

Sl.No	Name of the Licensee
1.	M/s Reliance Infocomm Limited
2.	M/s Bharti Telesonic Limited
3.	M/s Data Access (India) Ltd.
4.	M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

NATIONAL LONG DISTANCE SERVICE (NLDS) LICENSEES

1. M/s Bharti Telesonic Limited

2. M/s Reliance Infocomm Limited

3. M/s Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited

M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking, is also a Licensee for providing NLD service.

M/s videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., now a private company, is also a licensee for provising ILDS